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PARTNERS IN PREVENTION RECEIVES NATIONAL MENTORING GRANT FOR EVANSVILLE (Sept.1, 2010) Janesville, Wis.: Partners in Prevention- Rock County, Inc. was awarded a \$75,000 Drug Free mentoring Program FY 2010 grant by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The coalition will develop capacity, train and mentor the Evansville BASE (Building A Safer Evansville) Coalition and assist them in applying for future Drug Free Communities funding.

The Drug Free Communities program aims to establish and strengthen teamwork among Partners in Prevention's partner organizations in support of the community's effort to prevent and reduce youth substance. It also works to reduce substance abuse among youth and adults by addressing issues in the community that increase the risk of substance abuse and promote the positive factors that decrease the chance of substance abuse.

The Building a Safer Evansville (BASE) Coalition began in January 2010, following the disturbing Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) results that indicated that youth alcohol and drug use had increased in Evansville. BASE has grown in membership and represents a variety of community sectors. The coalition has collaborated with Partners in Prevention in several countywide prevention campaigns including: *"Parents Who Host Lose the Most"* and the *"Easiest Place for Kids to Get a Beer is Next to the Milk"*. The Mentoring grant will provide the funds to hire a fulltime Project Coordinator for the BASE, who will facilitate the coalition's development and assess the needs of the community.

BASE is dedicated to shifting the culture and behavior of our community to decrease dangerous behaviors of our youth. BASE is a collaborative group of concerned citizens dedicated to shift the culture & behaviors of the Evansville community to decrease dangerous behaviors of youth in Evansville and the surrounding communities.

The mission of BASE is to: raise awareness about the impact that dangerous behaviors have on the community, provide education and engage all stakeholders. BASE holds its meetings the third Friday of each month and all are invited to join. For information about BASE please contact Kathy Comeau at (608) 758-1844 or kathy.partners@sbcglobal.net.

Partners in Prevention is a coalition of proactive leaders working together to reduce youth substance abuse and build the community's capacity to create a safe and drug-free environment for all people of Rock County. For more information please visit www.partnersinpreventionrockcounty.org.

"Where Community, Knowledge, and Character Come Together"

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